

House Resolution 305

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Special License Plates; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, there are numerous special license plates in this state and each year, a large
3 number of bills which propose to create more special license plates are assigned to the House
4 Committee on Motor Vehicles; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Constitution of Georgia was amended to allow the General
6 Assembly to pass legislation authorizing revenue-sharing license plates; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in Georgia, special license plates can be categorized as either
8 nonrevenue-sharing license plates, with the fees going to the general fund of the state
9 treasury, or revenue-sharing license plates, with the fees split between the general fund of the
10 state treasury and the sponsoring entity; and
- 11 WHEREAS, since 2006, not only has the number of revenue-sharing license plates offered
12 to drivers by the state greatly increased, but the revenue-sharing formula has been adjusted
13 as well; and
- 14 WHEREAS, members of the General Assembly are placed in a position of not only deciding
15 which organizations are worthy of a revenue-sharing license plate, but also deciding under
16 which revenue split these plates should be placed; and
- 17 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine whether there should be limits imposed on the
18 number of special license plate options made available to Georgia motor vehicle owners or
19 whether a more efficient method can be developed for the creation of these types of license
20 plates while remaining within the legal authority granted under the Constitution of Georgia.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

22 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
23 on Special License Plates.

24 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
25 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
27 of the committee.

28 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
29 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
30 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

31 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
32 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
33 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
34 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

35 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

36 (A) Members of the committee who are members of the General Assembly shall
37 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
38 Georgia Annotated.

39 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
40 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
41 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
42 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

43 (6) **Report.**

44 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
45 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
46 same prior to the date of abolition specified in this resolution, subject to
47 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

48 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
49 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
50 of this paragraph.

51 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
52 abolition specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
53 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
54 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

55 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
56 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
57 thereof.

58 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.